

## NEW ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR U.S. SOLDIERS

### Recreational Sports To Take Place of Intensive Training in Camps

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Intensive training along athletic lines to foster the fighting spirit among the soldiers encamped in this country will be replaced by recreational sports, according to Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, head of the athletic division of the war department commission on training camp activities.

In a telegram sent to each of the training camp commissioners' athletic directors in the various continents, Dr. Raycroft announced the change of policy. He believes that lessening of the military tension caused by the signing of the armistice with Germany, and the mustering out in the near future of thousands of soldiers in American camps, call for less emphasis on the training value of athletics in the army and an increased emphasis upon their contribution to the development and maintenance of morale.

### Willie Meehan Is Ready For London

New York, Dec. 4.—Willie Meehan, the Pacific coast heavyweight, is the only boxer who has been selected so far to represent the golden west in the tournament for the king's trophy to be staged in the National Sporting Club in London, December 11 and 12. However, it is probable that two or three more athletes from the far west will soon receive permission from the war department to take part in the event. Meehan, of the Coast Island naval training station, is making efforts to have the official permit. Frankie Zarzo, Jimmy Duffy and Eddie Reusch, of San Francisco, to take part in the tournament. As it is the custom of the spectators to appear at the London show in Tuxedo, Meehan intends to wear a "soup and fish" too.

## YANKEE BOXERS DEVELOP 'KICK'

### Representatives From the U. S. Will Depend Largely On Punch.

By JACK VELOCK.

New York, Dec. 4.—American boxers are going to put plenty of weight behind their punches in the international boxing carnival at London December 11 and 12.

The big sweetest will be known as the king's carnival, and King George has provided a trophy to be given to the boxing team which wins the biggest prize.

Boxers representing American, Canadian, Australian, British, French and probably Italian army and navy departments will take part in the carnival, according to reports reaching here from the other side of the pond, and the side who will represent the United States are already on their way.

Most of the boxers in the group to represent the various branches of Uncle Sam's service are from the west. They were officially endorsed abroad by Admiral Sims to uphold the honor of the army and navy in the square circle. Some of the boys who will do the mugging and those who will accompany them are:

Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight; Pat Moran, Memphis bantam; Cal Delaney, Cleveland lightweight; Young Chaney, Baltimore featherweight; Billy Whelan, St. Paul lightweight; Dennis O'Keefe, Chicago middleweight; Paddy Anderson, amateur champion heavyweight of the navy; Jack Heinen, Chicago heavy; Morey Bloom, Chicago lightweight; and Abe Kaplan, Chicago; Teddy Hayes, Milwaukee; and Eddie Kane, St. Paul trainer.

### TRINITY WILL MEET MEXICAN METHODISTS

More than ordinary interest is being manifested by lovers of basketball in the big game started in the Church league. The sensational work of the Mexican Methodists, who had only a fair team last season, in the talk of the fans, while doing it being again by the yards to show that their team are really stronger. Next Saturday night at the "Y" gym the Mexicans, who have taken the first two games in whirlwind style, will meet the Trinity quintet. Two other games that promise plenty of action are the Catholics vs. First Methodists; First Baptists vs. St. Paul.

## Indoor Sports

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THE WEEK AFTER YOU TOLD HIM THAT YOU WERE ALL THE EGGS IN SCHOOL AT HIS AGE



## SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

SEVERAL noted baseball players have died in the service of their country. Following the news that Capt. Eddie Grant, of the Giants, was killed in action in France, word was received recently that Larry Chappell, one of the White Sox and Braves, had died of the influenza at the army hospital in San Francisco. Charles Swain, formerly of the Washingtons, died in Oakland, a victim of the disease. Ralph Worrell, a left handed pitcher with the Baltimore team last year, died of the same malady at the naval training school at the University of Virginia. James A. Williams, once manager of the St. Louis Browns and Columbus teams of the old American association, has also just died at the age of 73.

**KING OF LIGHTWEIGHTS.** All old time followers of the boxing game are in substantial agreement in the opinion that George "Kid" Lavigne was the greatest lightweight that ever held the championship of that division. A French-Canadian by descent, the "Kid" was born at Bay City, Mich., 41 years ago day and died at the age of 31, a victim of the influenza. He made and lost several times over his career, and when advancing years forced his retirement from the ring, he invested the little he had left in a saloon in Detroit. For a time he kept in fairly good condition, and as late as 1911 announced his intention of returning to the ring. In 1912, however, he was arrested for creating a disturbance in Detroit and was sent to a mental and physical wreck. It was reported that he had on several occasions become violent and that his family, for the sake of safety, had sought to have him committed to an asylum.

The king of lightweights began his career as a stevedore at Saginaw, Mich. A mere lad, he carried heavy bags of salt from the docks to barges, and a few months of that work developed his muscles wonderfully. George's older brother, Billy, was also a salt hauler and, in addition, a boxer of some ability and a student of the fight game under Tommy Ryan, lightweight champion. The "Kid" first

## "NEW YORK GIANTS" DECIDE TO DISBAND

Well, finally the ball players who have been performing on Sundays in Jersey under the name of the "New York Giants" for a couple of months after the season closed Labor day have decided to disband, but it was only the weather that could halt them. They played their last game on November 19 to a crowd of 10,000, as a benefit for the United War Work campaign. Al Demaree and Ed Carey did the pitching for the Giants. Other players on the team in the last game were Doyle, Burns, McCarthy, Kirtz and Wilhoit. Art Fletcher did not play because of a split finger. These New York players were doing work in war plants about New York, but now the war is over they will scatter, some of them going south for the winter.

## BACK TO THE GAME FOR PIPP AND SPEAKER

Among the first of the ball players to return to service to take advantage of the notice that applications for release would be considered by the navy department were Tris Speaker and Walter Pipp, who have been taking a course in Boston to fit themselves for naval aviation work. Pipp had about finished his course, while Speaker had been in service only about a month.

## EARL SMITH WOULD RETURN TO ROCHESTER

Catcher Earl Smith, with experience in the international last season, writes from Camp Pike, Ark., that he hopes soon to be discharged from the army and to be with Rochester again next season. The Brooklyn Nationals may have something to say about that.

## FIRST BATTLE OF TOM PADDOCK

It was 71 years ago today that Tom Paddock defeated Elijah Parson. This battle was the first ring engagement of the future champion of England. Paddock was then 24 years old. A few years later he had his first try for the championship against Bendigo, but lost on a foul. In 1899 he fought a draw with Bill Perry, the Tipton slasher, who was then champion. In the same year he was whipped by Harry Paulson, but in two subsequent battles defeated that bruiser. Harry defeated Harry Jones, he was again matched for the title, this time with Harry Broome, and was the victor. He was the recognized leader of the pugilistic world until 1903, when he was defeated by Tom Sayers, who was only a middleweight. When Sam Hurst, the "Ballybridey" infant, became champion, Paddock sought to recover his lost laurels, but was terribly beaten, and never fought again. Paddock died in 1902, having never fully recovered from the injuries inflicted by the "infant."

## TODAY IN EUGENIC ANNALS

1918—Frank Kiro and Jack O'Brien fought a 25 round draw at Coney Island.

1902—Bobby Dobbs knocked out Billy Edwards in the 11th round at Cardiff, Wales.

1908—Ad Wolgast knocked out Young Kid Miley in the second round at Los Angeles.

## Seventh Cavalry Fans Would Match Sudenberg And Ross

FOR some time boxers of the "Fighter Seventh" at Fort Bliss have been calling for a return bout between Johnnie Sudenberg, of the machine gun troop, seventh cavalry, and Speedball Hayden. That the seventh boosters and Sudenberg are in real earnest, and that Johnnie wants to earn another chance by first beating Clarence Ross, is shown by the following letter:

Seventh U. S. Cavalry, Camp at Fort Bliss, Tex. Nov. 2, 1918.

Sport Editor, El Paso Herald, El Paso, Tex.

Dear Sir:—I am writing you with the view of getting a fight for Sudenberg, middleweight class, with Ross, who was recently K. O'd by Hayden at Columbus. Last spring Hayden got the decision over Sudenberg in a ten round fight here at the stadium.

Sudenberg is very anxious for a return bout with Hayden; however, he realized that to get a return engagement he must show that he still has the "goods." You probably saw Sudenberg fight at the last field meet; he promptly disposed of his man and appeared to be in tip top shape. He has been training consistently and hard for some time now, and will be able to give a good account of himself.

Another thing to take into consideration is the fact that there have been no real fights at the post since Gandy-Nelson bout several months ago. You know that the "Y" after tonight were rather stale and uninteresting; on the other hand, should the public be given a chance to see some

## HEYDLER LEADS FOR PRESIDENT

### Acting President May Have No Opposition At Annual Meeting.

New York, Dec. 4.—John A. Heydler, secretary-treasurer of the National league and acting president since the resignation of John E. Toner, will be elected president without opposition when the league holds its annual meeting in this city, Dec. 26.

Many others have been mentioned for the vacancy, but it is understood that only Heydler's name will come before the meeting. He is to become, like Ben Johnson, president-secretary-treasurer of the league. John C. Toole, attorney for the National league; John H. Foster, secretary of the Giants; Judge Francis X. McQuade and Robert Brown, of Louisville, who was a candidate for the presidency as far back as 1909, and even William H. Taft have been mentioned.

Since the armistice was signed there has been a lot of baseball activity under the surface. Some days ago Heydler was in conference with presidents Homestead, of New York; Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh; and Baker, of Philadelphia. An offer of the presidency was made to Heydler, and, like Barks, he said he was willing.

Though there is no question that Heydler deserves the position, it is considered a strictly business transaction by the National league. In the reconstruction days of baseball a really competent baseball man and not an ornamental president engaged to give dignity to the office is needed by the league.

## DETROIT TWILIGHT TO RETURN TO HANERALL DIAMOND

Pitcher Bernard Boland, of the Detroit Tigers, has decided not to continue his studies for an officer's commission in the navy. He found that he did not have the technical education required for one thing, and with the coming of peace, he also longs for a return to civil life. The result is that he may be seen pitching ball again next season.

## AMERICAN WEST AT MINNEAPOLIS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association of Baseball clubs, announced today that he had called the annual meeting of the organization for December 10 at Minneapolis. The chief topic will be the prospects for starting the 1919 race.

## DUNDIE LOSES DECISION

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—Joe Wellington, of Chicago, was a referee's decision over Johnny Dundee of New York, in a 22 round bout here last night.

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## Old Time Baseball Stars Step Out and Knock Ball Over the Fence At the E.P.&S.W. Shops

### WHEN A.J.L. Holm, in charge of physical extension work of the Y. M. C. A., tossed a ball to boys at the E. P. & S. W. shops Tuesday noon and supervised a game to furnish noisily recreation for the shop men, he started a game that soon became a scream.

Only the younger men at first entered the game but oldtime diamond stars looking on began to remark that the ball was not going as far as when they used to play. No real ball player likes to look on a game when he can play, so the players of quarter of a century ago were soon swarming the playground ball with all the enthusiasm of youth. Several of the old-timers lived up to their former records, two knocking home runs and several getting three-batters. The demand to get in the game was so great that director Holm had to promise to start a second game on his next visit.

For non-day recreation the game is played on a shortened diamond with a playground ball. Volley ball will soon be introduced by the extension director, who will introduce the games at other shops in El Paso at the noon hour as soon as time permits.

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